

REMARKS

This communication is responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated October 16, 2007, for which a month was allotted for an election of species identified on pages 2 and 3 of the requirement.

Priority Acknowledgement

It is noted with appreciation that the claim for priority and the submission of the supporting documents are acknowledged.

Information Disclosure Statement

It should be noted that the IDS at filing submitted the documents mentioned at page 4 of the specification as filed along with the ISR and that a second IDS was filed submitting documents from a corresponding Japanese Office Action.. Please take those documents and the discussion at pages 1 to 4 into account in the initial examination of this application and make their consideration of record.

Election of Species Requirement

In the initial Action, two allegedly independent and patentably distinct species were identified on pages 2 and 3 of the Action. In response, the Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys hereby provisionally elects with traverse the species I having claims directed to "LC D including alignment films for orienting liquid crystal in a predetermined direction" and having claims 1 to 3, 5, 9 and 10 as stated by the examiner on page 2 of the election of species requirement. The requirement is traversed in that it appears from the species I related to "LCD projection type display including a condensing optical system" on which claims 11, 12, 14 and 16 (identified for this species by the examiner) are in common with the claims of the elected species by virtue of newly-added linking and/or generic claims 17 and 18. The former new claim 17 adds subject matter consistent with the preamble to claim 11 as dependent on claim 1 thus linking claims 1 and 11, while new claim 17 adds a means limitation to claim 1 in a way that is generic to claim 11. Thus, claims 17 and 18

support a provisional election with traverse in view of the linking and allegedly generic claims. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. The Applicant does NOT traverse on the ground that the species are NOT patentably distinct.

Conclusion

Early examination on the merits of at least the elected claims, and an examination of all claims are respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney, Ronald P. Kananen (202) 955-3750 if such contact would further resolution of this application, or to resolve any questions regarding this or any response in this application.

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